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Testimony in Favor of Proposed Bills 152 and 383

Good Afternoon Sen. Leone, Representative Hennessy and members of the Committee on Veterans Affairs. I am Debbi Newton, Legislative Liaison for the Connecticut Veterans & Military Coalition. The CVMC is an organization of about 25 groups such as the National Guard Association of Connecticut, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, The Military Order of the Purple Heart, The Marine Corps Association, Association of the US Army and ESGR to name but a few. We have organized to provide one voice here at the State Legislature as well as on Capitol Hill in Washington. We represent more than 400,000 Veterans, Retirees, Servicemembers and their families and survivors.

Proposed Bills 152, An Act Concerning A Municipal Property Tax Exemption Program for One Hundred Percent Disabled Veterans and **383**, An Act Establishing A Municipal Option to Provide An Additional Property Tax Exemption for One Hundred Per Cent Disabled Veterans are bills CV&MC Strongly support. Any Veteran who has served his or her country and is 100% disabled due to that service should receive a property tax exemption equal to that disability. We urge passage of the 100% property tax exemption.

I thank you for your time and for what you do for the Veterans, Military Members and Retirees of Connecticut and their families. This concludes my testimony and I am available for any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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